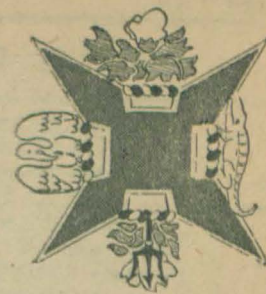




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Army Laundry Now Open Here

The government operated laundry, located east of D Road near the warehouses, officially opened on Wednesday of this week to receive and launder all items of clothing for the soldiers of Camp Blanding.

A convenient paying arrangement is in operation whereby \$1.50 per month will be deducted from the pay of each enlisted man on the Company Collection sheet. Soldiers will be allowed to send as many items of clothing per week to the laundry as necessary, providing it is their own.

Lt. Harry S. Bliven, QMC, of Rochester, N. Y., assistant laundry officer, urges each man to be sure and include his full name and the last four digits of his serial number when filling out his laundry ticket. "Otherwise there is a possibility of the bundle being lost," Lt. Bliven cautioned.

Laundering of bed linen will not be the responsibility of the enlisted man nor will he be charged in any way for this service. Collections and distribution of laundry will be handled by men and vehicles of the individual companies and units.

The only times when soldiers will not be charged for laundry service if they have elected to send bundles to the government laundry under the \$1.50 per month plan is during periods of leave, sickness or confinement, and then the appropriate pro rata charges will be computed by commanding officers at the rate of 50 cents per bundle of not over 30 pieces. (A pair of socks count as only one piece, gentlemen, and so do leggings.)

The new laundry is in two sections, each a complete laundry in itself, and employees are Civil Service workers. Captain W. W. Cone of Saluta, S. C., is the laundry officer and he is also from the Quartermaster Corps.

Officials of number one unit are C. E. Nygaard of Branchville, Md., superintendent, and R. L. Sisson of Jacksonville is personnel clerk. Number two unit officials are Allen B. West of Fort Huschuca, Ariz., superintendent, and W. F. Howland, of Gainesville, personnel clerk.

Laundry troubles are over, boys!

No—It Isn't Miami Beach



This is just two shots of the recently completed beach of the 106th Engineer Regiment. They imported their own Palm trees and hauled the pure white sand themselves. But this also gives a good character study of soldiers. At top: These three privates show the effects of a letter on a soldier's spirits. A beautiful beach, sunshine and solitude; yet they mope. They are, left to right, Pvt. Patrick Ford, Pvt. Ray Guidry and Pvt. Harry Rhodes, all of Co. C, 156th Inf. But take a look at the bottom group. If they are sad, they certainly would make swell actors. Of course the feminine companionship might have a small part to play in the matter. In the bottom picture are, left to right, Sgt. D. C. Sutherland and wife, Sgt. Marshall Bennett and wife, Cpl. Fred Searcy, Sgt. Reginald Rogers and wife.

—Staff Photo

HE SAW THE WORLD BEFORE ARMY CALLED

Dixie Division Sgt. has been around the world three times and has looked at the enemy through a gun sight.

By Pvt. Edmond Land

When the boys gather around the tent at night, and the talk turns to the plans for travel when the year's hitch has ended, Top-Sergeant James L. Mehaffey, Co. D, 156th Infantry, just sits back and smiles. He has had his share of globe trotting, having tried almost every exciting trade within the bounds of imagination; he has been a sailor, soldier of fortune, beachcomber, gold prospector with a rich strike to his credit, construction engineer and telephone linesman.

He's met such people as Dr. Sun-Yat-Sen, the exiled Queen Wilhelmine of Denmark, Floyd

Gibbons and many others. He has circled the globe three times.

"It's just the Irish in me, I guess," says the Sergeant, explaining why he's happiest when there is the spice of the unusual in his life. "Most people only dream of what they'd like to do, the Irish dream and sometimes carry out the dreams. That's what I did."

Mehaffey started his adventuring at 15, when he left school to join the crew of a square-rigged ship sailing to Tsing-Tau, China. The crew deserted there because of the hardness of the life and Mehaffey signed on a Swedish boat to return to the U. S. via Singapore, Suez, Gibraltar and Sweden.

Back in his home town, New Orleans, he joined the Navy and

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FREE VAUDEVILLE HERE SUNDAY AT SERVICE CLUB

New Club For Dixie Soldiers In St. Augustine

In an announcement this week, Col. O. W. McNeese, 31st Division Public Relations officer states that arrangements are completed with the Y. W. C. A. of St. Augustine, augmented by the local Churches, to hold open house on Saturdays and Saturday nights for enlisted personnel of Camp Blanding. The ladies of the Church groups are planning programs of entertainment and will serve light refreshments at these get-togethers. The "Y" has a large gymnasium where roller skating may be done by visitors. Provisions are almost completed to care for men who wish to stop over night, charges for which will be fifty cents and includes shower, swimming pool and lobby games.

Dixie Chaplain Will Officiate

Chaplain Victor M. Hovis, 117th Field Artillery will conduct the services and the Regimental band will furnish the music for Memorial Day services of the Daughters of the Confederacy Sunday afternoon, April 27th. Personnel of Camp Blanding is invited to attend the occasion.

Look Close Sgt. You're Getting Warm

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Govocek, Sér. Co., 124th Inf., found himself in quite a quandry the other day.

Sgt. Govocek checked up okeh except for one pair of "long-handled" underwear. The good sergeant felt his tent buddies were playing tricks on him and his underwear and he rashly accused them of "soldering" (a polite Army term for unauthorized borrowing.) The pay-off came when Govocek got ready for bed—he found his B. V. D's.—he had 'em on!

Easter Comes For Men With No Leave

Mrs. Oscar Halverson, of Florahome, Fla., near here, couldn't stand the thought of the boys at camp not being able to go home for Easter. Some could go but most, of course, had to remain in camp.

She decided to do something about it, and did. A huge box "for the boys" was sent to 1st Sgt. Homer C. Morgan, Headquarters Detachment, 155th Infantry, from Laurel, Miss., filled with tinted Easter eggs, fruit, cakes and fried chicken.

Jax Hotels Furnish Acts To Appear For Thirty-First Audience In Service Club

The first Division-wide professional entertainment to be presented in the now functioning Service Club No. 1 takes place Sunday afternoon at 2:30 when a combined troupe of entertainers from the Mayflower and George Washington hotels stage a five-act vaudeville program through the courtesy of the hotel managements and Mrs. Veronica Taylor, senior hostess in charge, and Mrs. Betty Ball Brown, junior hostess. No admission will be charged.

The troupe of 25 includes some of the country's leading entertainers. Joe Candullo and his orchestra, now playing at the Rainbow Room of the George Washington, is billed as "Greatest of Name Bands." Performing specialty numbers and spotlight renditions with the band are Miss Helen Faye, featured violinist, "The Flying Lockwells," "Tyrol and Jull," modern exhibition ballroom dancers, and the Sharon Lynn Dancers. The group perform nightly at the George Washington.

Rounding out the five-act Sunday program will be the floor show of the Mayflower Terrace and Tavern. Stars of their show include Vince and Anita, Johnny Bowers, Marie Kennon, Betty Elliot, and others, with Dave Bouer and his orchestra. Their nightly antics have made the Tavern one of Jacksonville's most popular night spots.

The entertainment will inaugurate a series of weekly features, more or less of this type, being planned for the Service Club by Mrs. Taylor and hostesses, assisted by Captain Ben Hudson, Division recreational officer. They range will go from "Professor Quiz" and nation-wide radio hook-ups to plays staged by the recently organized division dramatic club, which includes, incidentally, many former professional entertainers.

Fencing Club Seeks New Men

Soldiers who fence and wish to fence get in touch with Captain Hudson, Division Recreation officer, Sgt. McCoy at extension 186 or Sgt. Manuel of Co. K 124th Infantry. Several men in the division have coached fencing and will be happy to do it again. Also, Mr. Morrel at the recreation center in Starke is an expert at the art and has consented to offer his services as instructor or aid in any way.

Free Golf Course For Camp Officers

The Keystone Country Club of Keystone Heights has offered the use of their nine hole golf course to the officers of Camp Blanding. Situated on Route 28, about a mile from the nearby town, the course is not in top notch shape during the summer season, due to limited use. The course will be turned over to the golf players if they wished to maintain the condition of the greens.

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The soldier who thinks he's missing a wonderful time in civilian life all for nothing is not giving his mind full swing on the subject. And he is grossly wrong. Because, for a heck of a long time, you yourself, for instance, have been saying you should 'get a little exercise' and, even though this is a very small item, yet important, you couldn't seem to hold yourself to it. Just didn't seem to have time. But the army shows you where you're wrong. You do have time and it works in very nicely. And another thing, you might have been one of those fellows who gave orders in civilian life. But you are taking them now, and in no small manner. Does you good too; gives you sort of an idea of what it's like to be disciplined. And a year of it, even such a short time, will do you a lot of good, not to mention the physical angle.

THEATRE MEMO

The following is a list of feature attractions showing at the 31st Division Theatre during the coming week. Two performances are available each evening, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Matinees are shown on Saturday and Sunday afternoons beginning at 2:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 — DOUBLE FEATURE:
"REMEDY FOR RICHES" featuring Jean Hersholt as "Dr. Christian" and Dorothy Lovett; "MAGGIE" featuring Tom Brown, Nan Grey, Mischa Auer and Edgar Kennedy. Also Animated Antics.

SUNDAY and MONDAY APRIL 20, 21: "NO, NO, NANETTE" starring Anna Neagle, Richard Carlson, Victor Mature and Roland Young. Also MGM Cartoon and Paramount News.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22: "ESCAPE TO GLORY" starring Pat O'Brien and Constance Bennett. Also Merrie Melody, RKO Pathe News, and Crime Does Not Pay.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 24: "GO WEST" starring The Marx Brothers. Also Passing Parade, Paramount News, and Popeye the Sailor.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25: "LITTLE MEN" starring Kay Francis, Jack Oakie, George Bancroft, and Jimmy Lyden. Also Washington Parade, and Information Please.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26: "I'M STILL ALIVE" featuring Kent Taylor, Linda Hayes, and Ralph Morgan; "THE GREAT PLANE ROBBERY" featuring Jack Holt, Stanley Fields and Vickie Lester. Also Stranger Than Fiction.

Part of a Day's Work For The Mailman



One morning's delivery of mail in our own APO 31, that justly famous destination of about 17,000 letters per day. Believe it or not, a staff of seven enlisted men and one officer handled this flood, until ten days ago, never losing a single day in deliveries. Often letters come addressed only to Camp Blanding, but with a locator system working each epistle reaches its intended receiver. This Post Office has yet to experience any of the well known "bottle-necks" now prevalent in army camps all over the country. The staff works seven days a week, including holidays in order that lonesome soldiers might hear from the OAO. And they moved the whole works when the Division Staff was practicing their surprise movement Thursday night.

—Staff Photo

116 Host To Brigade Officers

The caissons will stop rolling for a few hours Saturday evening, April 19th because Colonel Percy S. McClung and his Alabama Artillery Officers will be entertaining their brother officers of the 56th F. A. B. with a dinner dance in the main ballroom of the Roosevelt Hotel, Jacksonville. All advance reports concerning the "Field Artillery Frolic" indicate that it will be somewhat of a gala affair.

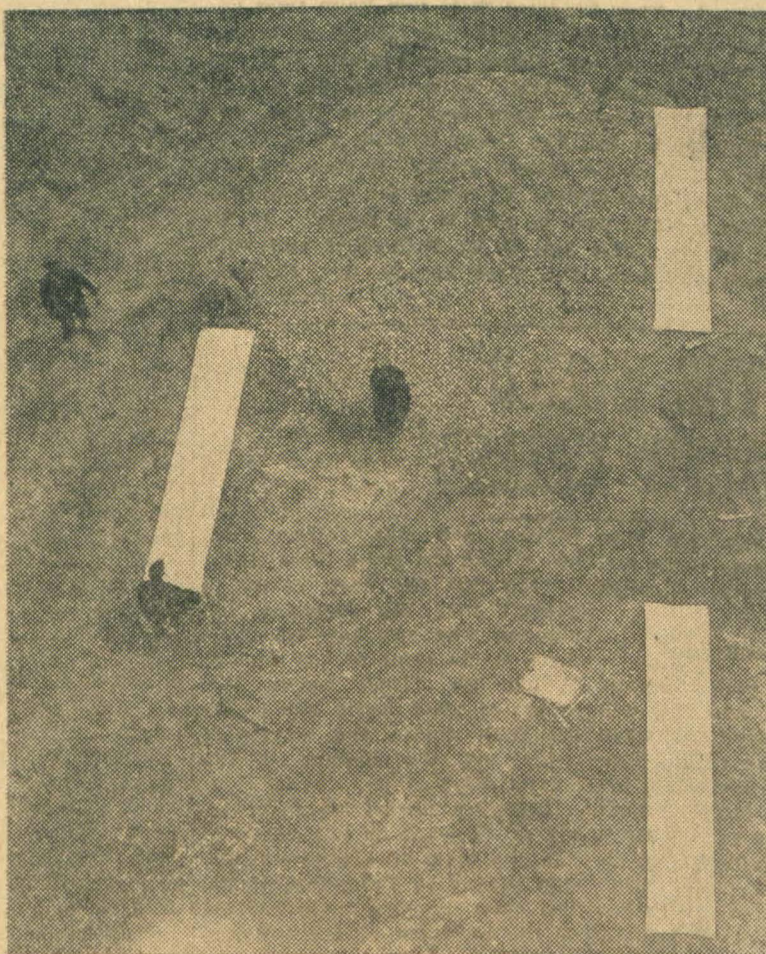
A floor show, and dancing will

be enjoyed. It is expected that there will be an attendance of approximately three hundred, a good percentage of whom will be the fairer of the southern belles.

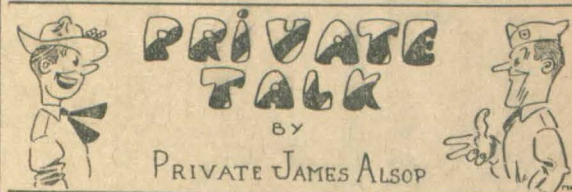
LOST DOG

Sgt. Herman T. Reger, Anti-Tank Company, 156th Infantry, reports the loss of a small brown Boston bulldog, weight about 20 pounds, probably somewhere in the camp area. The dog played a conspicuous part at the recent Flag Day ceremonies.

Message Sent Aloft



Three infantrymen place panels which will give a message to observation planes. This work has become an important job in the present setup of our coordinated army, the air force working as a vital cog in every undertaking of modern warfare. Each panel conveys a definite message, and must be placed in exactly the correct position. This picture was taken from the five story artillery observation tower on the Blanding artillery range. —Staff Photo



It is an impressive thing to see the amount of mail which goes through the Division Post Office. Thousands of letters pour out every day to the folks at home, while other thousands come into the companies stationed here.

And during the past months, few of the outgoing letters have been what could be called "Cry Baby Notes". These bits of whining which are sent by discontented and thwarted individuals, because some personal want has not been filled, is one of the greatest morale destroyers a civilian can get. But they have been conspicuous by their absence in this outfit.

The Thirty-First has taken the breaks with chins up and backs stiff, and a minimum of griping has sufficed. Such stories would not have made those at home feel better, but would have caused them much worry and doubt. The success of this undertaking we are handling depends largely upon the support of the civilians for whom we work.

The average citizen cannot begin to understand what we are trying to do in this training program. Things which seem everyday to us, are beyond the ken of the ordinary individual who has never seen a camp such as this.

Should mother or dad hear that their son has had to do a stretch of Guard duty in the rain or had to work in a nasty old kitchen for a week, they no longer think of a soldier doing his duty. It is their son, and the matter becomes a personal issue.

There is nothing to be done, but they create a sensation among friends. Doubt begins to form and our supporters are not as thorough in their help.

It is hard for a man sitting in an office to imagine a man doing ten mile hikes in full pack as a routine job, and when he hears that his son must do that every day, it seems that he is being exploited. It becomes a personal issue with them to hear that someone they love has been through a tough grind.

They can become resigned to the fact that the country as a whole must make sacrifices, they can bear the thought of millions of men marching away to train and they are not affected much personally when they hear that millions are being spent by the government for the building of this camp.

But when they hear that junior has to make a two day maneuver with only three or four meals and has had to sleep on the ground, it is no longer a soldier doing his duty. They are thinking of the most important thing in their lives; their son. It is hard to adopt the impartial attitude when something directly concerns one's own flesh and blood.

They want letters from this camp. They want to know what is happening to the boys here, what progress is being made, and what the conditions are that surround us. All these things have been told. Every letter going out attempts to describe our life and camp. But it has been with a real soldier's attitude that they are written. Not in a whining way, but mere concise accounts of life in an army camp. Hysteria is a prevalent thing among civilians, and we have done nothing to encourage this.

Yep—we can take a deep breath and boast about our record in this respect. It was a sorry excuse of a camp when we moved in but we did a thorough job. We took the bull—or the work—by the horns, and built ourselves a rather neat little place. We have taken almost as many more new soldiers into our ranks as first arrived here, and they seem to have caught the spirit.

It will certainly be a swell thing for this country if the civilians of the outside world can do as thorough a job of squelching their griping and dissension as the men in Uncle Sam's uniforms have done. And no pressure has been used to bring this about either—that's a definite fact.

Spanish Schools Open In Jax

Miss Nell Jewel Howze, District Director, Division of Community Service Program, Jacksonville W. P. A., has arranged a time schedule for military personnel who may be interested in studying Spanish. Classes are in elementary, intermediate and advanced Spanish and are available in hourly periods, Mondays to Fridays, 1:00 to 9:00 P. M., in various church and school buildings in Jacksonville. Those interested should phone the District Office in Jacksonville. There is no charge of any sort.

Like Father Like Son

The eight year old son of 1st. Sgt. William C. Brown, Company H, 155th Infantry, surely is threatening to follow, in fact, according to reports, hopes to follow in the footsteps of his father.

He wears khaki uniform, the regimental insignia, even a little "overseas" cap, and often stays in camp with the 1st Sergeant. And more important, he has those energy saving instincts of the soldier.

After one of his recent overnight excursions to camp he was riding home to Green Cove Springs, nearby, with his mother. He continued to stretch and yawn so his mother asked him the cause, was it getting up too early?

He replied no, that it was going to bed too late and, as a matter of fact, that he never made "reveille," getting up usually about 8 or 9 o'clock, adding quickly, "But the Captain don't know it!"

They Play While They Are Learning

At first the boys of Co. K, 124th Inf., thought some of the non-coms had gone sissy when they began placing sand tables in the company streets, but now all are joining in the game. At the end of each day, the problem on which the company has been working is outlined over the miniature sand dunes in the boxed area. Lead soldiers represent the various units of the Regiment, and they see all the mistakes and movements over which they lost so much perspiration during the day.

116 Scores High In Intelligence

It seems that quite a smart bunch of National Guardsmen were inducted when the 116th Field Artillery became a unit of the Army of the United States. Six-hundred and eighty five of the seven hundred and ninety-eight men sworn in last November 25 rated an average of Superior on recent intelligence tests.

More than ten per-cent were "Very Superior," 362 made the grade of "Superior" and 232 were "average."

The Missing Links

Voicing the claim that it has never had its full quota of men together at one time since induction is Co. F, 106th QM. Even on payday, the outfit, which furnishes drivers for Division Headquarters, usually has some eight or ten men away from camp.

Mess periods in the company are two hours long.

Modern Parade Ground



A "rough" idea of what the modern soldier does when he struts his stuff on inspection. No longer does he step past a reviewing stand in dress uniform; he puts on fatigues and takes to the woods for a demonstration of tactics learned while training to fight. This view shows the Headquarters Company of the 155th Infantry winding its way through the woods near camp as they prepare to set up a Command Post during recent Division Inspection.

—Staff Photo

Bandsman Works Says Leader

Hard working infantrymen and artillerymen often "beef" to each other concerning the "gold-bricking" going on in the regimental bands, and complain that the musicians have the easiest job in the regiment.

Staff Sergeant Walter Bean, Tampa National Guardsman, leader of the 116th (Florida) Field Artillery band, comes to bat in behalf of the bands this week and valiantly defends them against the slandering "gold-brick" charges.

"The band gets up first thing in the morning," Bean declares, "because they blow first call, reveille, and play for march. We are required to do policing, hiking, rehearsals, maintain our instruments, maintain the recreation hall, blow the various calls throughout the day, play for retreat, give entertainments, act as orderlies, and we usually go to bed last at night because we blow taps."

The bandsmen have no regular scheduled K. P. or guard duty, Bean admits "but," he adds, "when the regiment goes out in the field the band is often left behind to do regimental guard duty and to do voluntary K. P. over week-ends. If those fellows who think we have such an easy time of it will just stop and think the matter over, they'll be darn glad they are not in the band."

Well, fellows, are you convinced?

Hq. Btry. 116 Has Birthday Party

The 116th Field Artillery's Headquarters Battery from St. Petersburg, stationed here as part of the 31st (Dixie) Division, yesterday celebrated its fifth birthday with fitting ceremonies and a country style fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings, enjoyed by the entire Battery personnel.

New Colors Come For Dixie Medicos

The next formal appearance of the 106th Medical Regiment will find that unit proudly marching under its brand new regimental flag, just recently arrived. This beautiful banner, only lately authorized in Washington, is of maroon background with a white fringe, and the official emblem of the medicine men adorns the center, proclaiming to all the world the motto of the Regiment, "Service Supreme."

Announcement from the office of Colonel Mogabgab, commander of the 106th Medical, states that regimental insignia for officers and enlisted men will be available in the very near future. This attractive insignia is made up of

emblems from the four states represented: The cotton boll for Alabama; the Magnolia Bloom and Trident for Mississippi; the Pelican for Louisiana and the Alligator, representing Florida.

Operation A Success New Company Exists

There have been lost battalions and companies wiped out entirely, but the 31st has a company that would make Yohoodi jealous. For years Company F, 106th Medical Regiment has been listed in the records, but during that time, not a man has been a member of the unit. There wasn't even a company commander!

But Co. F has blossomed forth as a full fledged war strength unit these days, taking a nucleus of non-coms from Co. E, a Ft. Myers unit, and filling in with selectees. Selectees also repaired the gaps in the mother company.

Reduced Fare For Traveling Soldiers

Soldiers, here's that much talked of and not heretofore practiced reduction in railroad fares, to you who are going home on furlough (or anywhere). The Seaboard Railway, beginning May first will carry soldiers where they want to go for one and one-fourth cents per mile. You have to be wearing your uniform however, if this reduction is extended to you. The Seaboard office in Starke will give full information on your travel problems.

Bama Color Guard

Company F of the 167th Infantry regiment has been designated as "Color Company" of the regiment. One of the reasons given for this responsibility for Company F was that it is located in the center of the regimental area. It is the duty of the color company to carry the colors and furnish guards for the color bearers.

Regulars Not All Their Opinions Rate Says Selectee

Selectee Antonio B. Adams, 33, of Second Battalion Headquarters, 124th (Florida) Infantry, this week advised National Guard non-coms and privates to "watch out." Adams, a commercial photographer, inducted at his home town, Winterhaven, Fla., claims he was merely "passing the beef."

"We selectees have heard considerable 'beefing' in this army," Adams says. "It is as if many of the selectees and N. G.'s had forgotten the vows they made on entering this great organization. We have heard no disrespectful 'beefs' concerning the president, or any congressman or governor. Up to this point Camp Blanding appears 100 per cent loyal. We cannot recall even a single 'beef' where any officer as high as a captain was the center of disfavor."

"Speaking from amidst the selectees, generally any uniform with gold or silver at the shoulders gets nothing but the best efforts toward a snappy salute. Yet we have heard it adjudged that Lt. So-and-So was not a very good talker, that he ought to learn to keep step with the band, and such minor complaints."

"The mess sergeants, outside the mess halls, apparently fare the worst. Sergeant, corporal, and private instructors who are not up on their manuals and up on their toes dwell in the selectees' lowly patch of sour berries, whether they know it or not, because there are college selectees and R. O. T. C. Selectees to the right, left and center of the regulars—and plenty of high I. Q.'s for nasty thorns."

We would advise the older men: "Watch out!"

Spanish Study Open To All

Beginning Monday, all soldiers of the 31st Division will get a chance to study the Spanish language. Through the cooperation of the Florida State Department of Education, classes for every man who wishes to take the course will be arranged. The schedule will take in five nights a week, giving beginners separate courses.

Chaplain Richard D. Walcott, 167th Infantry Regiment, will act as head of the school, transferring his regimental work to the larger phase embracing the entire division.

Classes will be held at the workman's barracks located near C gate on road C. Men from the 43rd Division will be allowed to enter the course if they desire. The aim of the school will be to give each student a working knowledge of the language of our neighbors to the south.

Unlucky Lover Wastes Leave

The medal for the worst luck of the week goes to Corporal J. D. Burton, Headquarters Company, 155th Infantry. The Corporal was one of those fortunate few to draw one of the Easter leave tickets. And he had a very good reason for winning; he was going to surprise his girl, at home in Vicksburg. Well he did. He left one night and she arrived at Blanding the next morning, also on a surprise mission.

You win, Corporal.

Sergeant Red



The much publicized pooch who chased our Commanding General is here pictured surrounded by a Corporal of his own outfit, Co. C, 106 Quartermaster Regiment. Now you've seen him. —Staff Photo

Insult Eased By Letter From Fla. Governor

On the recent Flag Day celebration, attended in regalia by all the regiments of the four southern states, the Governor of Florida was the principle speaker. He welcomed Florida citizens, military dignitaries, and troops gathered from "Alabama, Louisiana—and my own native Florida." There was no mention of Mississippi.

Feelings were hurt then and there and later taunts from Alabama, Louisiana and Florida soldiers fanned the flame. This week, however, letters of apology from Governor Holland to commanders and soldiers of the 114th Field Artillery and 155th Infantry, both from Mississippi relieved the tension.

Failure to mention "the great old state of Mississippi," the governor explained, "was one of those inexplicable omissions which happen to all of us and which was due probably in this instance to the fact that the whole occasion was so profoundly impressive, at least to me."

Disappointing Dates For 31st Cops

The 31st Division's alert M. P.s are a heartbroken group this week. The other day a very urgent call came through for all men who would like to escort several young ladies out of camp to fall out into the company street. The entire unit poured into the area in front of the tents. After looking the boys over, the top-kick decided to let virtue bring its own reward. "I'll let the six best dressed men do the job," he says with a smirk.

Five minutes was allowed for cleaning and toilet. A neat array of laundered shirts and freshly washed faces gazed hopefully in his direction as they again fell into formation. Picking the lucky boys, he led the detail forward. Entering a firebreak, he bowed, "Here they are gentlemen." A bevy of cows greeted the vision of the astounded Military Cops. At eleven that night, they were still to be seen chasing the milk producers about the camp.

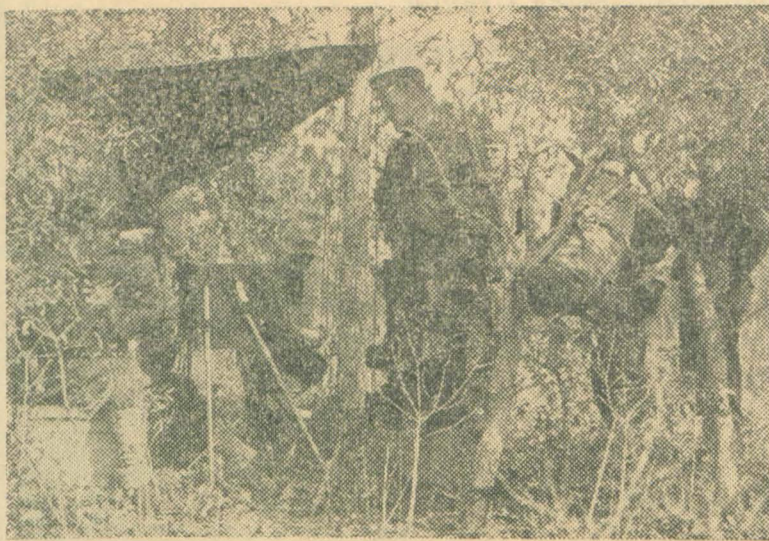
Tennis Courts For 167 Inf.

Will these amazing things ever stop? Of course there's nothing amazing about playing tennis, but this Army is going to spoil many of its soldiers with all these facilities for athletics; you'd think it was a big university instead of Uncle Sam's fighting men. Now, the 167th Infantry regiment will soon begin a tennis tournament, and on its own courts, being constructed under the direction of Lt. Kemp of Company H, regimental recreation officer. He's having the courts made of clay.

Louisianans Face Fate Stoically

Members of Co. C, 156th Infantry, hailing from Houma, La., refuse to get into any crap game or other type of gambling; they claim to be too unlucky. Their reason? Well, they have drawn regimental guard duty on every holiday so far; Christmas, Army Day and Easter. They've already begun cleaning their rifles for Independence day.

Headquarters In Disguise



Taking to the woods, the 155th Infantry Headquarters Company sets up a command post which will be invisible from the air. One of the most important phases of modern training is the art of camouflage. The portable radio permits contact with every unit of the regiment, and also communication with supporting artillery.

—Staff Photo

TELEPHONE LINEMAN DEPLORES PASSING OF LEG WORK

Life for the artillery lineman has its ups and downs and through the woods as he wades through streams with a feeling of "this is a message to Garcia" that urges a constant doublecadence. These upping and downings with an 80 pound spool (one man at each end) call for, or soon make, a rugged physique. Rugged already was lineman John L. Richie, Battery C, 114th Field Artillery. There were 200 pounds of him.

Pvt. Richie, a former football player, was an insurance man before induction last November. Missing the knock, strain, exhaustion of football, he wanted something outdoors and something hard. He was mightily interested in getting rid of those desk pounds. Now, he admits, he found the very thing. And the pounds went.

Principal task of the lineman is to establish communication between the guns and the observations post. And there is where the knock, strain, exhaustion come in. Oftentimes the line-carriers must run 500 yards before a connection is made. Once they start moving even if there wasn't that "message to Garcia"

feeling they can't stop, for that would tangle the wire. Best time made so far, after the ground has been surveyed by the instrument men, and including unloading the truck, is six minutes. That was done for an inspecting officer.

The part that Pvt. Richie likes least is splicing wire. That, he says, is very tedious work. Once, to give him practice, an officer cut the line in three places. There, he sighed, was one of his worst days; he lost six pounds.

Like the rest of Uncle Sam's new army, linesmen and other communication men go to school. There the former insurance man learned the duties of the switch-board operator and others as well as the mechanics of communication. He speaks glibly of complex sounding things like "simplex lines" and "roller red C" and knows the latest methods of doing things in the telephone world. Sadly, though, he looks at one of those new methods now acquired by the battery. It is an automatic line-layer, operated by motor from trucks, and will, of course, eliminate that running. "They're always making things easy," he said.

He Saw

(Continued from page one) was sent back to China. He stayed in the Orient some time and participated in a number of landing parties during the fighting in 1930-33.

When he returned, he became, in rapid succession, Mexican gold-miner, engineer on a South American Dam project and telephone linesman.

Now that he's in the army, Me-haffey is using what he learned as a soldier of fortune to help the men in his outfit learn how to soldier. He's in favor of the idea of a strong national Army because, "It's the best possible insurance for 130,000,000 people."

Alabama Private Champ Weight Gainer

Private J. B. Hubbard of company F, 167th Infantry doesn't know for sure, but he thinks maybe he likes what they feed

him here. Anyway, it looks like he does. Since he was inducted with his company in Gadsden last November 25 he has gained just 37 pounds, which seems to be proof that he likes the food. That gives him an average of nearly ten pounds per month. Not bad, we'd say.

"Velly Solly Sir" But 'Twas Too Late

So eager to capture prisoners were the men of Louisiana's 156th Inf., regiment, engaging in a combat problem a few miles north of here that they captured a soldier who wasn't even engaged in the problem.

When the day's check-up of prisoners was made, it was found that one was Sgt. Ross Copeland, Headquarters Battery, 1st Bat., 116th F. A. who had been sent to the area to gather cabbage palms to beautify his company street.

Discordant Chords Invade Ser. Club

Going-ons in the 31st Division Service Club this week included a harmonious ? ? ? assortment of brooms, steel guitars and tin-pans weilded Thursday night by musicians from the 155th, 106th Medical, and 156th regiments and a surprise performance Wednesday night by the University of Florida Glee Club, who dropped by after a concert for the 114th Field Artillery.

Certainly the most unique band? in the Division, the broom (base-fiddle), spoons (castanet, and xylophone (actual musical instrument) ensemble bids fair to raise a racket throughout the musical world. But come what may, they do have a lot of fun.

Swim Regulations Now In Effect

No soldier will be allowed to swim in Kingsley Lake except during off-duty hours according to an order issued from the office of Col. F. W. Manley, acting chief of staff. In addition, the order states that there will be no night bathing in the lake.

As set forth the hours include, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays the time between retreat and sunset; on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from noon until sunset; and on Sundays and holidays, from 8 a. m. until sunset.

Other beach regulations are that bathing suits or trunks must be worn always, no diving is to be done from piers or in shallow water; personnel must not enter the water until 1 1-2 hours after eating, and that both civilian and military bathers must obey the orders of the life-guards, who will have the same authority as military Police.

Undercover Work Buries Smart Sgt.

The next time he builds a fox-hole, says Sgt. Alvin A. Cook, Co. A, 156th Inf., he'll be sure that everything is above board, or at least above ground.

While he was demonstrating one of his "brain-children," an underground connecting trench between two foxholes, to the men and officers of his company, somebody came too near the concealed tunnel and it caved in, burying the non-com up to his neck in sand.

"It's lucky," the Sergeant commented to members of his company who dug him out, "that I didn't have my head instead of my body in the hole."

"Did you say 'lucky', Sarge?" one of the members of his squad asked.

114 Hardens Area As Well As Bodies

A number of trucks and men of the 116th Field Artillery have during the past two weeks engaged in transporting tons of red clay from pits near the artillery range and spreading the substance several inches deep over parking areas, unpaved drive-ways, and recreational areas in the regiment. The clay is smoothed, packed, and thoroughly watered, then a few days of sunshine hardens the clay making an attractive, though sometimes dusty, form of paving. Rain water drains quickly off the hard clay, the areas are easily policed, cars do not get stuck, and walking is more pleasant in the clay-paved sections.

Dixie Men Act In Charity Show

Participating in a two night charity program in Gainesville on the nights of April 25-26 are a group of 31st Division soldiers. They are Private Hayes Herbert of the 156th Infantry, nationally known dancing star who has danced in all parts of this country, and a quartet consisting of Corporal Lester Ship, first bass; private Leroy Sauls, second bass; private Cecil Berly, second tenor; and Lloyd Gantt, first tenor, all of company H, 167th Infantry.

This program is being produced by Mr. Burke, nationally known stage manager and director, for the Junior Welfare League of Gainesville. The program will include musical revues, etc. The Camp Blanding Soldiers appear merely as a courtesy to the organization. Soldiers will be admitted to the shows at a reduced price.

Late On Leave By Way of Ga.

Whether it was a practical joke or serious business, the civilian who went AWOL for these two soldiers sure kept them in hot water for a while. Private Estes Henderson of company M, 124th Infantry and his girl friend and private Bill Ashley of Company F 167th Infantry and his wife went to Jacksonville the other night dancing. They were so excited, or something, that they forgot and left the key in the car, which belonged to Pvt. Henderson. Well, all went very nicely until they were ready to go home, at which time they discovered their car had disappeared!

They reported to police at once, however, and an immediate search was begun. They also wired their commanding officers why they were being delayed. Their car was found in about eight hours — in Georgia! They had to go after it, getting back on duty only six hours late.

Lassies Learn Truth Only After Look

Add to the list of embarrassing moments this situation encountered by Joseph Walker, first cook in the Company "I" 124th Infantry mess hall.

In Sanford recently "Jake" was preparing supper for Company "I" soldiers, bivouacing overnight in the city. Three attractive Sanford high school lassies were looking on and inquired of the chef if it was true that the Army existed solely on beef stew and beans. "Certainly not!" Walker replied indignantly, and proceeded to elaborate to the girls the fine food now served in the Army. "Let's see in those cooking pots," one of the young ladies requested. "Well—er—ah—," the cook stalled, but had to remove the covers. You guessed it—beef stew and beans!

A Bit of Home Comes In A Box

Sergeant Ishmael Bailey of company C, 106th Medical regiment says that he can really feel at home here at Camp Blanding now. His wife sent him a box of what he calls "good old Louisiana soil" from his back yard in New Orleans the other day. He says since he can get his hands messed up with some honest to goodness home dirt, he's happy.